

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MUSTERS
[12TH MAR

rank that hath given is to stand, and the second pass through and give their volley and so stand, and the third is to come up, and consequently all the ranks But if the battalion stand, then the first rank having given their volley shall fall back and the second come in their room, and so the third and fourth, till the first rank become last, and the last first, all which is easily performed if you do but make all the shot to open their ranks

In teaching the soldier to know the sound of the drum, he must not only observe what the drummer doth beat, but what time he keeps, for according unto that the soldier is to march slower or faster All other motions are taught him by the voice, wherefore, to make them perfect in these motions, it is good to use them to certain words which being once learned shall serve always for direction The words used in training at Plymouth were such as these

* Leaders stand forward with your files Ranks open forward paces 5 Faces to the right hand, to the left hand Faces about Open your files, feet 3. Close your files your files to the right hand paces Double your files to the right hand Double your rank to the right hand. Close your files to the left hand As you were Ranks from behind close Ranks open backward paces 5 Files to the right hand turn Ranks to the right hand turn Front pass through Followers pass through Front as you were. Files as you were *

16th March THE ENVOYS OF THE STATES

The envoys from the States General of the United Provinces being received by her Majesty declared that they were confident she would, in the interests of the realm, her allies and the

Protestant world prefer a war of righteousness
 to a peace of
 peril, for this pretended peace in France would
 lead to a civil
 war, there being many in France to force the
 King into war
 with those of the Reformed Religion They
 beseech the
 Queen to support them, declaring that still less
 than with
 France would treaties be observed with her, a
 schismatic, with
 whom by the papists* law no faith should be
 kept. The King
 of Spain and the Pope bear perpetual hatred to
 her, and the
 King's chief aim is to break up our league,
 divide its forces,
 and crush them separately Though the States
 are already